





Entertainments.

NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE  
SUCESS!  
THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL.

**Tonight,**  
the 7th July, 1888.

WASH NORTON'S FAMOUS  
WORLD OF WONDERS.

Our efforts acknowledged by  
CROWDED  
FASHIONABLE  
AND DELICATE  
AUDIENCES.

THE LAST GUN & BIGGEST BOOM.

POSITIVELY  
FAREWELL—PERFORMANCE  
AND  
COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT  
TENDERED TO  
MR. & MRS. WASH NORTON.

A MONSTER PROGRAMME OF  
NOVELTIES!

EVERYTHING NEW!  
NOTHING REPEATED!

First Time of  
MR. & MRS. WASH NORTON  
in their Sensational Farce, entitled:  
A PECULIAR FLY.

Timothy . . . Mr. WASH NORTON.  
Catherine . . . Mrs. WASH NORTON.

First Time of  
THE HARVEY BROTHERS'  
Ludicrous Production  
THE TROUBADOUR or  
"THE CUT-UP TENOR."

First Time of  
MR. & MRS. WASH NORTON  
in their Sensational Farce, entitled:  
"15 MINUTES WITH THE GHOSTS."  
The Ancient Pilory and Stocks and  
"Katie King" Mystery.  
Do the dead return or is it deception!

First Time of  
ACHMED ALI BEY  
in his Original and Unparalleled Japanese  
Illusion, entitled:  
"THE HUMAN SERPENT."

Note.—ACHMED ALI BEY will on this  
his FARWELL NIGHT in Hongkong,  
EXPOSE his "BLACK CABINET" Illusion.

MISS HAIDA  
IN NEW DANCING SPECIALITIES.

First Time of  
MEDICINE versus MAGNETISM.

PRICES AS USUAL.  
Plan of Theatre at Messrs. KELLY &  
WALSH, LD.

NOTICE.—The Picture painted by Mr.  
ALBERT LINTON will AGAIN be  
GIVEN AWAY. Every person on  
entering the Theatre will receive a  
NUMBER, and the HOLDER of  
the Lucky Number drawn will re-  
ceive the Picture.

The Peak Tramway will run a  
Special Car, leaving the Peak at 8.30  
and returning at 11.15 p.m.

WASH NORTON,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, July 7, 1888. 1119

WOODYEAR'S ROYAL  
AUSTRALIAN CIRCUS.

EVERYONE DELIGHTED WITH OUR  
GENUINE PERFORMANCES.

THUNDERS OF APPLAUSE GREET  
EACH ACT.

Special Notice!

REDUCTION OF PRICES!  
REDUCTION OF PRICES!

Private Boxes containing Six Chairs \$12.00  
Single Box Chairs . . . . . 2.00  
Dress Circle Chairs . . . . . 1.50  
Stalls (Carpeted Seats) . . . . . 50  
Pit . . . . . 25

No Half-price to Pit; no Europeans will  
be admitted to the Pit.

NAVAL & MILITARY EXCEPTED.

Seats may be secured at Messrs. KELLY  
& WALSH, LD.

ROBT. LOVE,  
General Agent.  
Hongkong, July 7, 1888. 1114

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions  
to Sell by Public Auction, on  
TUESDAY,  
10th Inst., at Noon, at Mr. E. PARNELL'S  
Lyndhurst, Terrace,  
LOTS OF PATNA OPIUM,  
AND  
LOTS OF PATNA OPIUM,  
SARAS OPIUM,  
(water),  
Terra  
Mexican L.  
with all furniture  
to be Purchased  
hammer.

Hongkong, July 7, 1888.

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship  
Glenora, Capt. MacKenzie, will be  
despatched as above on  
or about the 12th Inst.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation  
for Passengers, and carries a Doctor  
and Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, July 7, 1888. 1128

To-day's Advertisements.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI  
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s  
Steamship  
Khedive  
will leave for the above  
place at Daylight TO-MORROW (Sunday),  
8th July.  
E. L. WOODIN,  
Superintendent.  
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,  
Hongkong, July 7, 1888. 1129

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship  
Diamond, Capt. McCaslin, will be  
despatched for the above  
Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 11th Inst.,  
at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, July 7, 1888. 1130

Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS  
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED  
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND  
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,  
VIA  
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,  
AND  
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING  
STEAMERS.

The Steamship ARABIC will be  
despatched for San Francisco, via  
Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th  
Inst., at 3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama,  
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan  
Ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to  
address in full, and same will be received  
at the "Consular Office," until 5 p.m. the  
day previous to sailing.

First-class Fares granted as follows:  
To San Francisco . . . \$200.00  
To San Francisco and return, . . . 350.00  
To Liverpool . . . . . 325.00  
To London . . . . . 330.00  
To other European ports at proportion-  
ate rates. Special reduced rates granted to  
Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service  
and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be  
obtained on application.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-  
turning at San Francisco for China or  
Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be  
allowed a discount of 10%. This allowance  
does not apply to through fares from China  
and Japan to Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo  
destined to ports beyond San Francisco,  
in the United States, should be sent to the  
Company's Office, addressed to the Collec-  
tor of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight  
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 54, Queen's Road Central.  
O. D. HARMAN,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, July 7, 1888. 1021

To-day's Advertisements.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN  
STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.  
FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND  
ADELAIDE.  
(Calling at PORT DARWIN, and taking  
through cargo to QUEENSLAND  
PORTS, NEW ZEALAND,  
TASMANIA, &c.)  
The Steamship  
Guthrie,  
Capt. H. CHAM, will be  
despatched for the  
above Ports on MONDAY, the 16th Inst.,  
at 4 p.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, July 7, 1888. 1131

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

July 6, 1888.—  
Khedive, British steamer, 2,135, A. G.  
Lagden, London May 31, Singapore July 1,  
General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.  
July 7:—  
Palmyra, British steamer, 1,835, T. S.  
Jackson, Shanghai via Poonah July 1,  
General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.  
Palmyra, British steamer, 911, R. W. L.  
Bradley, Shanghai July 3, General.—JA-  
DINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Thyra, German steamer, 674, C. A.  
Jacobsen, Newchwang June 28, and Chifu  
30, General.—STRANSSER & Co.

DEPARTURES.

July 7:—  
Chittor, for Cebu.  
Lombardy, for Singapore and Poonah.  
Lombardy, for Swatow and Bangkok.  
Septima, for Saigon.  
Decima, for Cebu.  
Fooking, for Whampoa.  
Thyra, for Whampoa.  
Palmyra, for Singapore and London.

CLEARED.

Amoy, for Shanghai.  
Haidou, for Coast Ports.  
Victoria, for Nagasaki.  
Nishim, for Swatow.  
Bellona, for Singapore and Hamburg.

PASSENGERS.

Arrived.  
Per Khedive, for Hongkong, from London,  
Miss Karlo, and Mr. H. Mitchell; from  
Marseilles, Mr. Wei Pin, and Mr. S. J.  
Darby; from Poonah, Mrs. Sin Kung  
Yung, child and maid, Mr. Grimshaw, and  
21 Chinese; from Singapore, 63 Chinese.  
For Manila: from London, Mr. F. Stuart  
Jones; for Shanghai: from London, Mrs.  
Pond, infant and maid, and Mr. Alex-  
ander; from Adon, Lord Hereford, and  
Dr. Briscoe; from Bombay, Mr. R. S.  
Raphael. For Yokohama: from London,  
Mr. J. Parr, and Mr. S. Nakamura; from  
Marseilles, Mr. Kaneko.  
For Palmyra, from Shanghai: for Hong-  
kong, 20 Chinese; for London, Mr. Robert-  
son, and Mrs. von Jecowski and 2 children.  
Per Fooking, from Shanghai, Mr. Mur-  
ray, and 10 Chinese.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination. Vessels. Agents. Date of Leaving.

Bremen, and Ports of Call . . . Prousson (s). . . C. Pohl. . . Norddeutscher Lloyd . . . August 2, at 10 a.m.

London, via Suva, Canal . . . Glenora (s). . . Mackenzie . . . Jardine, Matheson & Co. . . About July 12.

London, and Ports of Call . . . Pulin (s). . . P. Harris. . . P. & O. S. N. Co. . . July 14, at 4 p.m.

Manila, via Amoy . . . Diamante (s). . . McCaslin . . . Russell & Co. . . July 11, at 4 p.m.

Marseilles, and Ports of Call . . . Saghalien (s). . . Homery . . . Messageries Maritimes . . . July 19, at 4 p.m.

Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama . . . Carmarthenshire (s). . . . . Adamson, Bell & Co. . . July 11.

Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama . . . Matwa (s). . . . . P. & O. S. N. Co. . . July 17, at daylight.

San Francisco, via Yokohama . . . Arabie (s). . . . . P. & O. S. N. Co. . . July 11, at 3 p.m.

San Francisco, via Yokohama . . . City of Sydney (s). . . . . Pacific Mail S. Co. . . July 19, at 3 p.m.

San Francisco, via Yokohama . . . E. J. Spence . . . . . Russell & Co. . . Quick despatch.

San Francisco . . . Electra . . . Jones . . . Russell & Co. . . Quick despatch.

Shanghai . . . Khedive (s). . . R. Kohler . . . Siemens & Co. . . July 8, at daylight.

Shanghai . . . Amoy (s). . . R. Kohler . . . Siemens & Co. . . July 8, at 4 p.m.

Shanghai . . . Dione (s). . . Bigley . . . Butterfield & Swire . . . July 13.

Shanghai . . . Praesent (s). . . . . Butterfield & Swire . . . Quick despatch.

Shanghai, via Amoy . . . Anachis (s). . . . . Langage . . . Butterfield & Swire . . . July 11.

Swatow . . . Nanshan (s). . . J. Blackbaroo . . . Hop Hing Hong . . . July 8, at 8 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui . . . Hailong (s). . . Roach . . . Douglas Lapraik & Co. . . July 8, at 9 a.m.

Sydney and Melbourne, &c. . . Afghan (s). . . Roy . . . Gibb, Livingston & Co. . . July 10, at 4 p.m.

Vancouver (B.C.), via Yokohama . . . Gathrie (s). . . H. Craig . . . Russell & Co. . . July 16, at 4 p.m.

Yokohama, Kobe and Nagasaki . . . Abyssinia (s). . . . . Lat. . . Adamson, Bell & Co. . . July 10, at 3 p.m.

Yokohama, Kobe and Nagasaki . . . General Worder (s). . . . . W. von Schuckmann . . . Norddeutscher Lloyd . . . About July 14.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS. JULY 7, 1888.

Stocks. Nos. of Shares. Value. Paid-up. Position per Last Report. Balance of Dividend. Last Dividend. Closing. (Yesterday's). High. Low.

BANKS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp. 60,000 \$ 125 all \$ 3,900.00 \$ 20,003.51 at 30/ for 1 year; 161 1/2 prem. working a/c To Dec. 31/87

North-China Insurance Co., Ltd. 5,000 £ 200 £ 115. 100.00 £ 406,132.00 £ 23.65 for 1886 £ 275 ex div.

Yongtze Insurance Company, Ltd. 8,000 £ 25 £ 50.00 £ 3,059.70 7/2 for 1885 £ 115. 97

Union Insurance Society Co., Ltd. 10,000 \$ 250 \$ 25. 100.00 \$ 314,012.95 25/2 for 1886 \$ 86

Union Insurance Office Co., Ltd. 10,000 \$ 250 \$ 25. 100.00 \$ 245,240.04 20/2 for 1886 \$ 73

Yongtze Insurance Co., Ltd. 1,500 \$ 1,000 \$ 25. 100.00 \$ 125,771.28 25/2 for 1886 \$ 374, buyers

Yongtze Insurance Co., Ltd. 8,000 \$ 250 \$ 25. 100.00 \$ 252,243.38 25/2 for 1886 \$ 342

China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. 20,000 \$ 100 \$ 20. 100.00 \$ 204,003.00 5/6 for 1886 \$ 77

Shanghai Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. 40,000 \$ 100 \$ 20. 100.00 \$ 17,000

The Straits Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. 20,000 \$ 100 \$ 20. 100.00 \$ 79,432.52 5/6 for 1886 \$ 818

The Straits Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. 20,000 \$ 100 \$ 20. 100.00 \$ 75,832.52

STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

H.K. & C. and M. Steamship Co., Ltd. 40,000 \$ 20 all \$ 40.00 3,636.50 7/2 half year Dec. 31/87 \$ 221

Douglas Steamship Co., Limited 20,000 \$ 50 all \$ 127.32 1101.13 8 % 550

Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited 18,387 £ 10 £ 10. 100.00 £ 4,387.5 9/8 for 1887/10 10 dis. sellers

60,000 shares issued. 31,212 £ 50 all \$ 10,000 18.55 % 512 per share, buyers

China and Manilla S. S. Co., Ltd. 3,500 \$ 50 all \$ 10,000 18.55 % 512 per share, buyers

MISCELLANEOUS.

H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. 12,500 £ 15 all \$ 1,901.33 10/4 for 1887 37 3/4 prem.

H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited 1,106 £ 10 £ 10. 100.00 £ 1,527.31 10 1/2 and 2 % 5130 per share, buyers, fully

New Shares. 1,806 £ 10 £ 10. 100.00 £ 78.94 85 half year June 30 1887 \$ 170 cash

Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd. 3,000 £ 10 all \$ 13,781.53 10/4 for 1887 \$ 190 cash

Company, Limited. 15,000 £ 10 all \$ 429.50 16/4 for 1887 \$ 83

any, Limited. 5,000 £ 25 all \$ 614.15 12/4 for 1886 \$ 82

any, Ltd. 50 all \$ 23,303.18 None 18/4 for 1886 \$ 224

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DEPARTED.

Per Lombardy, from Hongkong: for Singa-  
pore, Mr. R. J. Harper; for London, Mr.  
H. Beller.  
Per Tachion, for Swatow, 100 Chinese.  
Per Septima, for Saigon, 100 Chinese.  
Per Palmyra, for Singapore, 4 Euro-  
peans, and 150 Chinese.  
To DEPART.  
Per Khedive, for Shanghai: from Hong-  
kong, Mr. Morrison, Miss Morrison, Mr. H.  
L. Shippy, and 3 Chinese; from London,  
Mrs. Pond, infant and maid, and Mr. Alex-  
ander; from Adon, Lord Hereford, and  
Dr. Briscoe; from Bombay, Mr. R. S.  
Raphael.  
Per Hailong, for Coast Ports, 2 Euro-  
peans, and 150 Chinese.  
Per Moray, for Saigon, 12 Chinese.  
Per Nishim, for Swatow, 100 Chinese.  
Per Bellona, for Singapore, 12 Europeans.

SHIPPING REPORTS

The British steamer Fooking reports:  
Had strong S.S.W. and S.W. winds and  
high sea to Turnabout; thence to port fresh  
S.W. wind and fine weather.

The German steamer Thyra reports:  
Had fair weather and light S.W. wind.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.—  
Per Hailong, at 8.30 a.m., on Sunday,  
the 8th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—  
Per Amoy, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 8th  
inst.

For NAGASAKI.—  
Per Victoria, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the  
8th inst.

For SAIGON.—  
Per Chou-chou-fai, at 4.30 p.m., on Mon-  
day, the 9th inst.

For YOKOHAMA & SAN FRANCISCO.—  
Per Arabie, at 2.30 p.m., on Wednesday,  
the 11th inst.

For AMOY & MANILA.—  
Per Diamante, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednes-  
day, the 11th inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—  
The French Contract Packet Saghalien  
will be despatched on THURSDAY,  
the 19th July, with Mails to the  
United Kingdom, Europe, and places be-  
yond, via Suez, to Saigon, Straits  
Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon,  
Madras, the Australian Colonies,  
Aden, Natal and the Cape, Egypt,  
Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing  
the Mails, &c.

The Extra Steamers of the Messageries  
Maritimes Company between Colombo and  
Calcutta have been withdrawn. From this  
date through communication with Madras  
and Calcutta by Messageries packet will be  
four-weekly only, viz., on the following  
dates of departure from Hongkong:—  
June 7, August 30, November 23,  
July 6, September 27, December 26,  
August 2, October 31.  
Mails for India will be made up by the  
intermediate packets as formerly for trans-  
mission to Colombo, whence they will go on  
to Madras by the first opportunity.  
Hongkong, May 10, 1888.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain,



According to the *Journal des Débats* of the 5th June alarming reports are current respecting the bill of health of the *steamer Canton*, from Tong-King, which has been detained in quarantine at Algiers for the past five days.

The *Canton* Times has the following paragraph with reference to the cause of the fatal accident that occurred on board the *Clan Mackintosh*, where five men died from suffocation:—As was at first thought, the cause appears to be the result of decaying vegetable matter. Mr. Ballard, of the Agents (G.), was, as an expert, called in to investigate the cause of the accumulation of the foul air which proved so fatal to the unfortunate men who entered the store-room. He discovered the store-room—which is very small, being about 10 feet square—charged with a mixture of carbonic acid gas and sulphuretted hydrogen, the latter in considerable volume. This mixture, as is well known, is of a most deadly nature. There is no doubt that the fœdora for the horse on board, among which was some skail in a damp condition, acted on by the terrible heat experienced in the store-room, was the cause of the generation of at least one of the gases and that this was still further aggravated by the application of the disinfectant, and further that the fact of the store being so confined in area and enclosed above by the disinfectant, had been the cause of the generation of the fatal fumes, and the men entering into the room fatal to human life.

THE following items of late home news are from Australian papers:—

The new Emperor, who has taken the title of William the Second, in addressing the army, said that he and the army were born for each other.

His proclamation to the people of the Empire is completely colourless and indicates nothing worthy of note.

Austria strongly resents any interference in the Bulgarian question.

Count Kalnoky, the Austrian Prime Minister, claims that the European situation is greatly improved, and agrees with the British policy respecting the Bulgarian bone of contention.

The Imperial Government is carefully considering the Chinese Bill.

A party of three hundred members of Parliament, on the invitation of Lord Charles Berford, inspected the fortifications and naval arsenals. Several ships were found to be entirely without armaments, while many of the arms of all sizes were found to be of obsolete patterns.

The Chinese residents are protesting against the bill of health of the *Canton*, and have decided to appeal to the Emperor of China.

The Emperor Frederick III. succumbed to lock-jaw, which supervened on inflammation, caused largely by food entering the windpipe.

SIR J. P. HENNESSY'S ACTION AGAINST 'THE TIMES.'—In the High Court of Justice on the 1st inst., before Mr. Justice Mauley and Mr. Justice Lindley, the action which had been previously before the Court—came on upon an interlocutory application. The plaintiff was Sir John Pope Hennessy, Governor of the Mauritius, and the defendant was the printer and publisher of *The Times*. The action was to recover damages for libel.

The plaintiff's counsel said that the plaintiff had been libelled in a report in the *Council of the Government of the Mauritius* by political opponents of the Governor, and in which his policy was severely attacked and criticised. The plaintiff exhibited to the defendant a number of interrogatories, principally in reference to the persons from whom the alleged libel came, and as to the communications which had been made to the paper.

Some answers were made to the interrogatories, but the plaintiff's counsel now called the witness, and the defendant was ordered to answer further and better answers, and this application was refused and was referred by the Master to a judge. It consequently came before Mr. Justice Denham, who refused to make the order asked for, and this decision is now on appeal.

Mr. Agnew (with Mr. Lockwood, Q.C.) was for the plaintiff, and Mr. Lumley Smith, Q.C., and Mr. Graham were for the defendant. Mr. Justice Denham said that in his opinion Mr. Justice Denham had come to a right conclusion. The action was founded upon three alleged libels, composed partly of statements of fact and partly of comments upon these facts. The substance of the defence was that the statements of fact were true, and that the comments were fair and reasonable comments upon the facts. In his judgment, the interrogatories had been sufficiently answered, the questions in the cause being what they were. It would be going too far to compel a defendant to disclose to the plaintiff his whole case. Appeal dismissed.

THE 'SCHEME' FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE PRAYA—The more than probable aggrandisement of Marine Lot-holders—and the perhaps extremely remote benefit of ratepayers in general, seems for the moment almost to tremble in the balance, and appears as if any slight movement might induce the beam to kick either way.

That the promoters have now less the courage of their opinions than when they first sought to tickle the nose of the public with a philanthropic (!) work of great pecuniary promise, to themselves.

That the voice of the clamour, while it has succeeded with most of the marine lot-holders, has had no effect upon the general public, save to enable them to see through the 'scheme.'

That the Government is evidently making ready for a change of front should further instructions from the Colonial Office indicate the advisability of a double somewhat backwards.

That the object is of sufficient importance to receive some little attention even at the hands of the Colonial Office, and that in spite of whatever pressure may be brought to bear, the scheme will not be sanctioned entirely without some deliberation.

That indeed those of us who do not wish to see the undertaking fall into private hands may console ourselves with the reflection that the traditions of the Colonial Office will prove itself consistently obstructive—even if, as appears tolerably certain, the scheme is not opposed on its own merits, or demerits.

That the Hon. C. P. Chatter's position as Intermediary rather puzzles me, as I have always thought it a physical impossibility to 'interpose oneself' between oneself and any other object.

That I have read your plea on behalf of the public with some degree of interest, and I think the advocacy of the scheme by your morning contemporary is of a nature calculated to open the eyes of any one whose financial interests are not directly involved.

That Y is the fourth of July.

That perhaps that is why several gentlemen were discovered, on the morning of the 4th, in the act of taking early breakfast in a liquid form out of tumblers, and afterwards adjusting their hats with the aid of shoe-horns, preparatory to beginning the day's work.

That the boundaries of the United States, as recently defined by Congress, are—On the North, the Aurora Borealis; South, the Equinox; East, the Rising Sun; and West, the Day of Judgment.

That, seriously speaking, the celebration of the Glorious Fourth has got to that stage of maturity that it is now based upon the abstract principle thus briefly stated by a truly independent man named Burns:—'The rank is but the guinea stamp, a man's a man for a' that.'

That certain enthusiasts I believe advance the astounding theory that the Declaration of Independence, which is so frequently referred to at the festive gatherings held on that day, was drafted by Robert Burns when quite a young man; and that this theory is largely supported by the fact that the other works of Burns are more largely read and better appreciated in America than they are anywhere else.

That we have at last got something definite from the Sanitary Board with regard to the Glorious Reservoir; and, spite of the Chairman's banter at the expense of Dr. Candie, the public feel that but for the energetic Scotch Doctor's outspokenness, the Reservoir might have been still as open to pollution as ever.

That seeing the state of the wells has been known for years, most people will think that the Governor's suggestion might be acted on at once, and hydrants provided without any further waste of foot-scap stationery.

That after the successful arrangement of the Opium Farm, no excuse can be advanced as to want of funds.

That this week a requiem has been sung over a Local Marine Insurance Company, another victim to the senseless 'war of rates.'

That Mr. Morgan's recently-published Report on the working of the Junk Trade of Hongkong is an exhaustive and instructive document, and, treading as he sometimes does upon rather delicate ground, he has managed to do so with considerable dexterity, steering fairly well clear alike of Scylla and Charybdis.

That the compiled figures are on the whole satisfactory; those throw considerable light on the 'volume of trade,' and will no doubt delight the hearts of local statisticians.

That the newly-organised system of collecting duties in this neighbourhood seems so far to have worked without friction, and it is to be hoped will be let alone, and no attempt made to introduce either the thick or thin end of the wedge, or obstruction.

That the existence of the poetry of motion has never more forcibly been brought home to me than in the following words of your morning contemporary:—'The charm of her action lay principally in the nonchalant and reckless manner in which she stood on her head on the horse's back, and did a double shuffle off the back of her head, landing in a graceful attitude on the animal's tail.'

That some restriction certainly ought to be put on the importation and sale of so-called Brandy, sold at prices varying from something like 75 cents to \$1.50 per dozen, including cost of case, bottles, and gorgeously flouting labels.

That the price proclaims the villainous nature of the contents of these bottles, purporting to be Brandy, the maddening properties of which generally drive Jack to distraction and not infrequently to Gao!

That the trade is carried on without any attempt at concealment, these engaged in it being, apparently, alike free from qualms of conscience or dread of espionage.

That it is hardly necessary to indicate who these are in our midst who lend themselves to a trade to which it would be the grossest flattery to apply as mild a term as nefarious.

That not their names inscribed in the Directory, and they hesitate not to call themselves merchants.

That the Chinese have got hold of some curious notion about Morrison Hill, as they say, 'Inside that hill have got one piece devil, and secure by-in-by the fall down.'

That surely this is not a distant rumbling that this pretty hill is to be shovelled into the sea to form the new Praya.

That the Home public must be well posted about the doings of the Malia and Gibraltar of the East, seeing that we have an artist of the *Graphic* type in our midst, and we know that the camera never lies, although the artist who transferred the photograph on the woodcut

have taken considerable liberties with both the shadow and the substance.

That Mr. John Peel is not of Shanghai now, but of Hongkong, and it would bother his best friends to recognise him at the head of his string of winners in the *Graphic*.

That his name will always live in the annals of the Hongkong turf as a true sportsman who raced purely for the love of the Sport of Kings, and never made a bet.

That the Peak Tramway prospers apace, but I wish the management would arrange for sedan chairs topside, as I sometimes desire to visit my friends up above but am too old to ascend that awful slope up to Mount Kellet on my pious.

That the pillory and a mustard-plaster would prove a good method of reforming some of our youthful offenders rather than let them get hardened in the cells of the Hongkong Gaol.

That I think I recognise the fair critic of Shanghai manners and customs as the writer of powerful articles in the *Queen*, the ladies' newspaper *par excellence*.

That she might do worse than visit Hongkong, and scathe with her criticism the hideous tustles of the present day.

That I have no fault to find with the ribbons, the shoes, or the harmony of colours shown by the Hongkong fair; having once been a victim while for two mortal hours a ribbon was being matched, I consider myself an authority on that description of harmonies in colour.

BROWNIE.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### THE PRAYA RECLAMATION SCHEME.

To the Editor of 'THE CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, 7th July, 1888.

SIR,—The more that this scheme is considered the clearer does it become that the Government would commit a very grievous mistake in handing over the foreshore, the property of the Colony, to a number of marine lot-holders to reclaim it for their own personal advantage. I am not one of those who favour the Government undertaking railways, providing public libraries, and generally caring for the public, but I am one who is in duty bound to do so, and that in a manner and husband the land of the Colony, which belongs to the Colony and which is intrusted to them as stewards. Supposing, therefore, that the advantages to be obtained by the Colony under taking this scheme were ten times greater than they are and the risks attending the Government doing the work were ten times greater, I should say it ought still to be a very serious matter for consideration, whether the Government were justified in handing over the foreshore of the Colony to a body of men for speculative purposes. As the matter stands, I cannot conceive how any one but an interested lot-holder could wish the Government to surrender its foreshore and the five million estimated profit which it is anticipated will accrue from the reclamation. The scheme is a very serious one, and the Government are justified in handing over the foreshore of the Colony to a body of men for speculative purposes. As the matter stands, I cannot conceive how any one but an interested lot-holder could wish the Government to surrender its foreshore and the five million estimated profit which it is anticipated will accrue from the reclamation. The scheme is a very serious one, and the Government are justified in handing over the foreshore of the Colony to a body of men for speculative purposes.

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